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The lake at Veterans Oasis Park, with the Environmental Education Center on the left and the Chandler Heights Police Substation on the right.

Free Urban Fishing Clinic, Safety Fair on Nov. 13

The Chandler Police and Community Services departments are co-hosting an Urban Fishing Clinic and Outdoor Safety Fair 8 a.m.-noon Nov. 13 at Veterans Oasis Park, 4050 E. Chandler Heights Road.

The free event is sponsored by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, open to all ages, and no pre-registration is required.

During the four-hour clinic, all participants may fish without a license once they have signed up at the AZGFD booth. However, fishing outside of the clinic hours requires a license. AZGFD Sport Fishing Instructors will provide basic fishing tips and guidance to participants. They will also have a limited number of fishing rods and bait to be loaned to participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

In addition to the lake and wetlands, the park is home to the city's Environmental Education Center and the Chandler Heights Police Station.

The EEC and the Police substation will offer a variety of activities throughout the event.

Outside the Police Substation, the Police Department will demonstrate some of its specialty vehicles, crime fighting units and public services. Inside the substation, officers will provide residents with crime statistics for their neighborhood and safety information.

Outside the Environmental Education Center, there will also be booths and live animal presentations from a local wildlife group. Inside the EEC, there will be hands-on craft activities, mini classes, story time and other educational offerings. The Center's collection of live animals will also be on display, with snake feedings taking place throughout the day.

Like all Arizona urban fishing lakes, the Veterans Oasis Park lake will be stocked that week with Channel Catfish. This infusion of fish should help make for a great

day of fishing.

"During last year's Urban Fishing Clinic and Outdoor Safety Fair, there were more than 300 visitors to the park, and we hope that even more will come out to experience this wonderful annual event and the joy of fishing," said EEC staff member Daniella Lamis in a news release.

Visit www.chandleraz.gov/veterans-oasis the week prior to the event to get updates on the status of this fishing clinic and outdoor safety fair.

Inclement weather may cause the program to be altered or cancelled. Call 480-782-2890 or 480-782-4900 for additional information.

For more on fishing licenses and regulations, visit www.azgfd.gov. Fishing licenses and supplies are not available for purchase at the park.

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